



CHANUTE AFB ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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AGENDA

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

February 25, 2004

12:00 p.m.

1. Introductions
 - RAB members
 - Introduction of guests
2. Old Business
 - Minutes from last meeting
 - Other
3. Landfills Cover Construction
4. Base-Wide Investigation
5. Non-CERCLA (UST/AST/OWS) Projects
6. Reuse Progress
7. Community Involvement
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjourn

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31 March 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution List

**SUBJECT: Chanute Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Summarized Meeting Minutes,
25 February 2004**

1. **Introductions.** Mr. Doug Karas, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA), Public Affairs Officer (PAO), opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

Mr. Karas introduced himself as the new PAO for Chanute Air Force Base (AFB). He informed the attendees that he would be present at all future Chanute RAB meetings.

Mr. Karas introduced Dr. Bill Harris as the new BRAC Environmental Coordinator (BEC) for Chanute AFB. Dr. Harris presented his credentials and experience.

Mr. Karas also identified Gary Koski who is currently the Site Manager for K.I. Sawyer AFB and the new Site Manager for Chanute AFB as well.

2. **Old Business.** Ms. Donna Kozak asked if there were any comments or changes to the summarized meeting minutes from the October 2003 RAB meeting. None were noted. As there was not a quorum present, it was decided that approval of the meeting minutes would be tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Karas stated that a different approach would be taken as to the format of this RAB meeting. The briefings will highlight the cleanup activities of the restoration program that occurred since the last RAB meeting (October 2003). Experts would be available to answer technical questions.

3. **Program Update.**

- Mr. Karas, AFRPA, summarized the activities at Landfill 2. He stated that nearly 200,000 cubic yards of soil were used for the landfill cap. Erosion control matting will be installed when the ground is less wet.
- Mr. Karas summarized the trenching activities that occurred behind the former Timbers Club in Operable Unit (OU)-1 to determine if there were drums buried in this area. During the trenching activities, a building foundation was located.

- Mr. Karas reported on the basewide sampling activities since June 2003. He stated that over 70 monitoring wells have been installed to date. The briefing included pictures of ongoing installations of monitoring wells. To date, 900 groundwater screening locations have been evaluated, 1,100 soil borings drilled, and 5,200 samples collected. Sampling is 80-85 percent complete. The aforementioned sampling activities have resulted in over 1.2 million pages of laboratory data. Mr. Karas emphasized the need to review the laboratory data thoroughly and evaluate all of the available options for moving forward. Options are dependent on the evaluation of all the data collected during the investigation. Should the data indicate that no further remedial action is required, the Air Force will move to close the site with the cooperation and concurrence of the regulators. If the data indicates a remedial action is required, the Air Force will move forward and ask for concurrence to implement remedial action in order to close the site. Mr. Karas noted that this is Dr. Harris's strategy.
 - Utilizing a map of Chanute, Dr. Harris reported that Landfill 4 would be capped either next year or the following year after the data needed to design the cap has been collected. He also stated that some of the landfill caps have been installed, some cap installation activities are nearing completion, and some activities have been postponed due to seasonal issues. Dr. Harris also noted that data collection is ongoing at a number of sites in the industrial area of the Base (OU-2) in addition to areas of OU-1. Dr. Harris noted that within the next two to four months, the data might indicate that some of the sites would no longer need further investigation and the Air Force would propose closure, where appropriate, to the regulators. Dr. Harris reported that the proposed strategy for site closure is illustrated in flow diagrams that outline the process leading up to the final decision of site closure. The site map and Remedial Investigation work plans are included in the Administrative Record.
4. **Community Involvement.** Mr. Karas reported that efforts to update a Community Relations Plan are underway. The plan will include data from community interviews that include on-base tenants, Rantoul school districts, local businesses, residents, churches, clubs, and social organizations. Mr. Karas noted that the data gleaned from the interviews would assist him in determining the best way to communicate with the community. Plans for interviews are scheduled for the last week in April, and completion of the Community Relations Plan is anticipated the last week in June. In addition, Mr. Karas noted that currently there is no RAB charter or Operating Guidelines for the Chanute RAB. Therefore, to be in compliance with regulations, it will be necessary to develop guidelines for RAB operations. Mr. Karas presented a sample and stated that the document presented could be a foundation for the development of Operating Guidelines for Chanute. The sample document will be distributed to all RAB members for their review. At a later date, a subcommittee will be formed to discuss the elements and requirements for the Chanute operating guidelines. Mr. Karas also noted that there was a need to establish some consistency for the RAB meeting schedule. It was suggested that a consistent day and month be decided for the quarterly meetings. For example, RAB meetings would be conducted the last Thursday of February, May, August, and the third Thursday of November. Mr. Karas put forth a motion to schedule the next RAB

meeting for the last Thursday of May (May 27) at the same time and location. As there was no quorum present, it was suggested by Mr. Reed Berger that this issue be tabled until the other RAB members could be brought up to speed on this matter. Mr. Caryl Fothergill requested this issue be included in this meeting's minutes as a matter of record for the members to vote on at the next meeting. The group concluded that, upon concurrence from other members, May 27 would be the next RAB meeting, and the formation of Operating Guidelines would determine minimum RAB meeting attendance requirements. It was also noted that a RAB subcommittee would not require the presence of regulators; however, a formal RAB meeting should include regulators, a citizen cochair, and/or Air Force cochair, or their alternates.

5. **Reuse.** Mr. Berger, Village of Rantoul, reported on reuse activities. Activities have focused on identifying and determining which facilities require demolition and the prioritization of demolition based on public safety followed by those facilities that look blighted. The Village of Rantoul is interested in pursuing redevelopment for the 800 area (located south of the airport on Century Boulevard, down Chandler Road near the Pentecostal church). Mr. Berger would like three buildings to be demolished before the end of the summer and is moving forward to identify potential funding sources to demolish the buildings and replace them with new development. Mr. Berger would like to see the land transferred in this area as quickly as possible to foster the confidence of the business community. Also, Mr. Berger reported that there are considerable planning activities that are ongoing, including revisiting the Airport Plan and the Land Use Plan. The Village of Rantoul is also exploring the possibility of a residential airpark.
6. **Closing comments.** A meeting attendee requested that the PowerPoint briefings be available to the public. Mr. Berger offered his Web site for posting briefings, meeting minutes, maps, and graphics. Mr. Karas will work with Mr. Berger to facilitate the coordination and content of materials to be posted on his Web site.
7. **Next Meeting.** The next RAB meeting, upon RAB concurrence, will take place May 27 at the Conference Room, 601 South Century Boulevard, Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois, at 12:00 pm.
8. **Adjourn.**

DISTRIBUTION LIST:**RAB MEMBERS**

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Restoration Advisory Board Meeting February 25, 2004

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Introductions

■ Site Manager

- Gary Koski (217-892-3240 x21)**
- Moves to area in Summer 2004**

■ BRAC Environmental Coordinator

- Dr. Bill Harris (217-892-3240 x33)**

■ Public Affairs Officer

- Doug Karas (210-925-0217 or 866-725-7617)**
- Based in San Antonio, Texas**



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Seeding/Mulching Acceptance at Landfill 2

- Nearly 200,000 cu. yards of soil used for cap
- Erosion controls to be installed

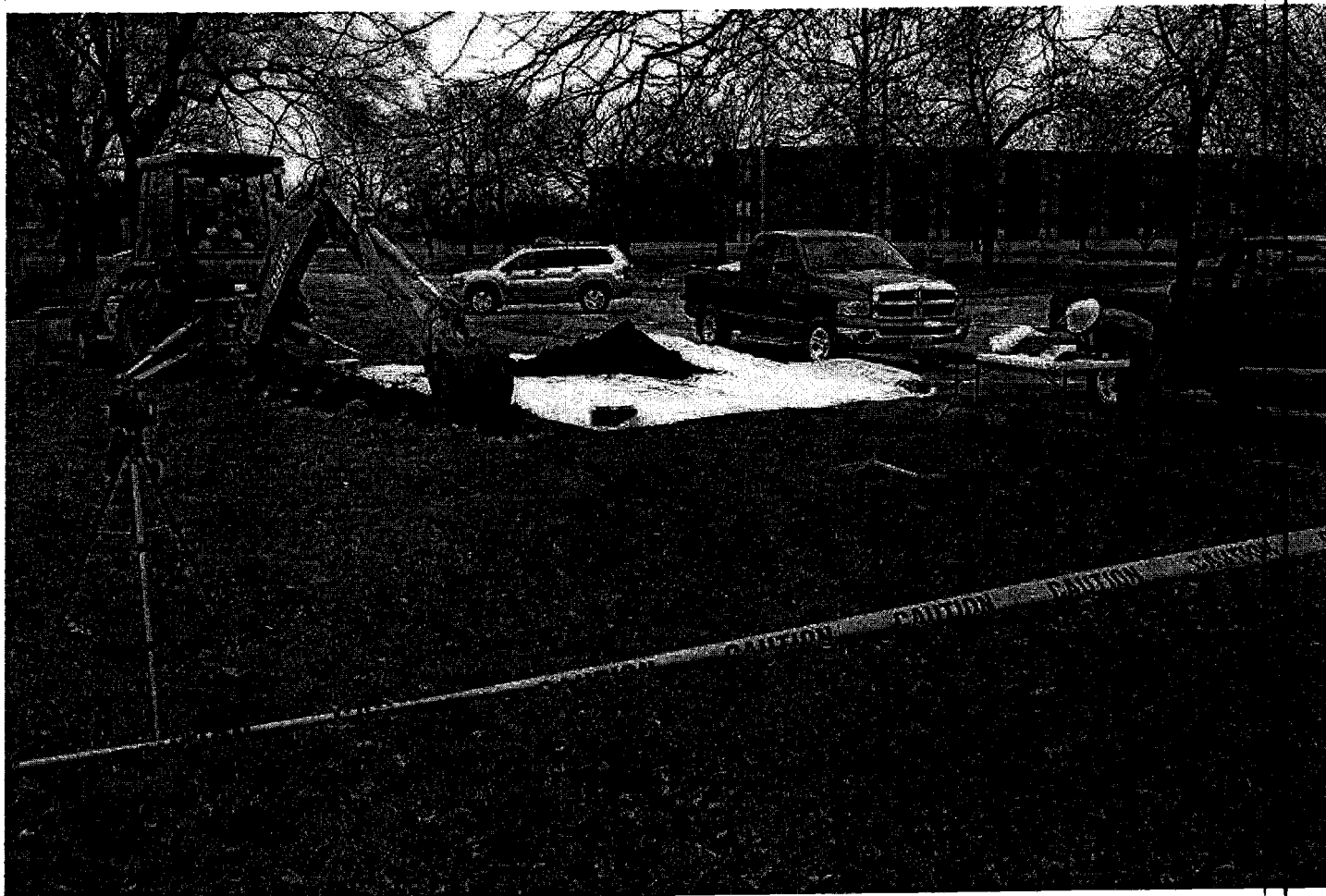


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Trenching at EM Club in OU-1



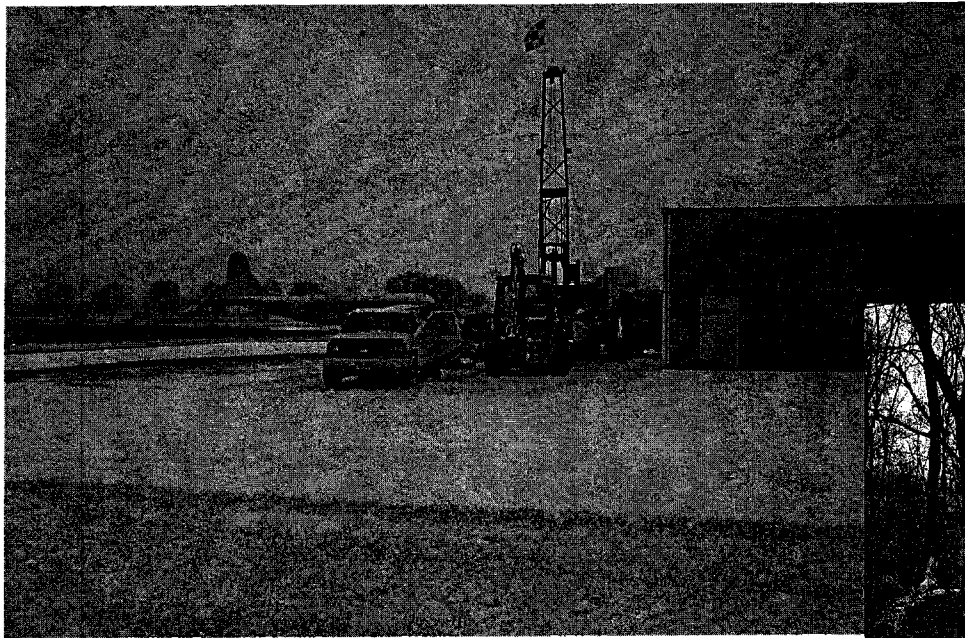
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Basewide Sampling Since June 2003

■ Installed over 70 Monitoring Wells



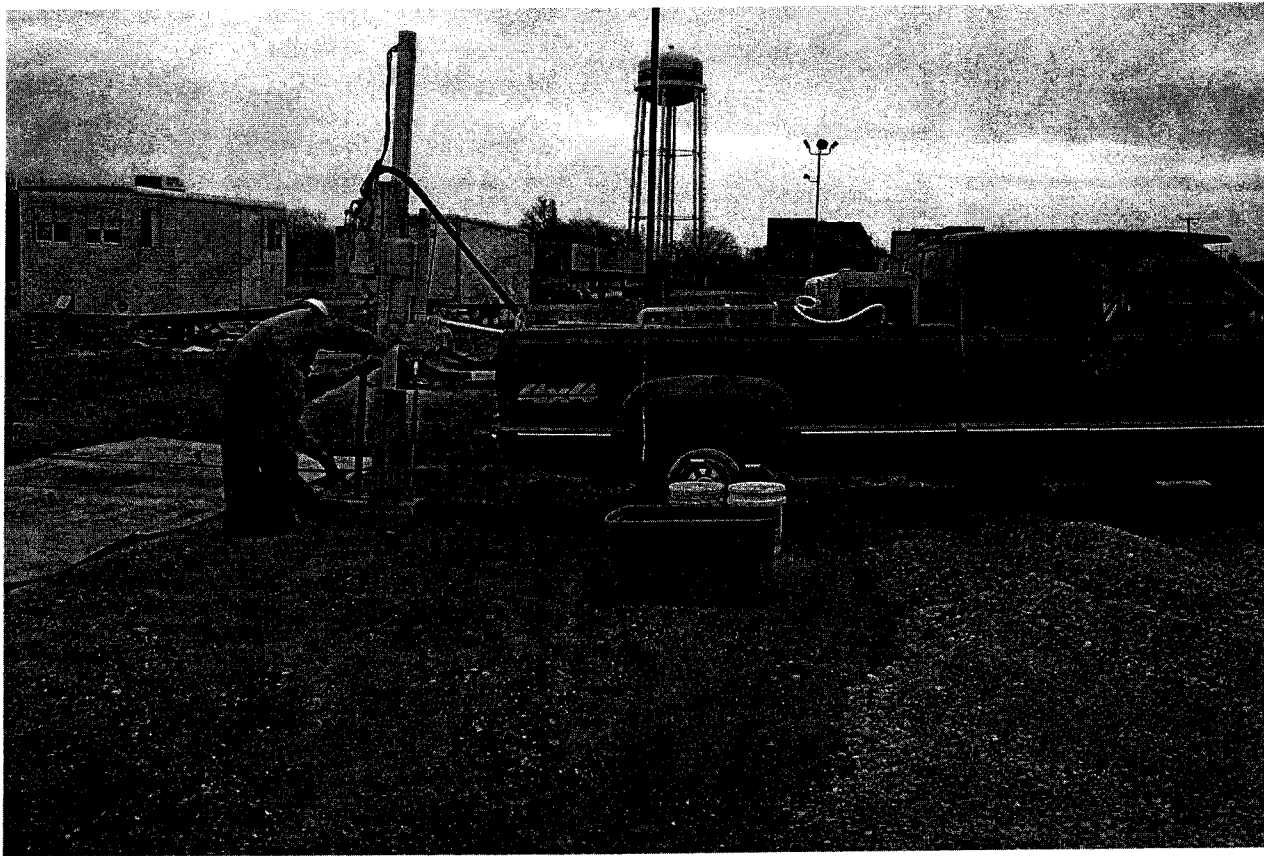
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Basewide Sampling Since June 2003

- **Evaluated over 900 Groundwater Screening Locations**



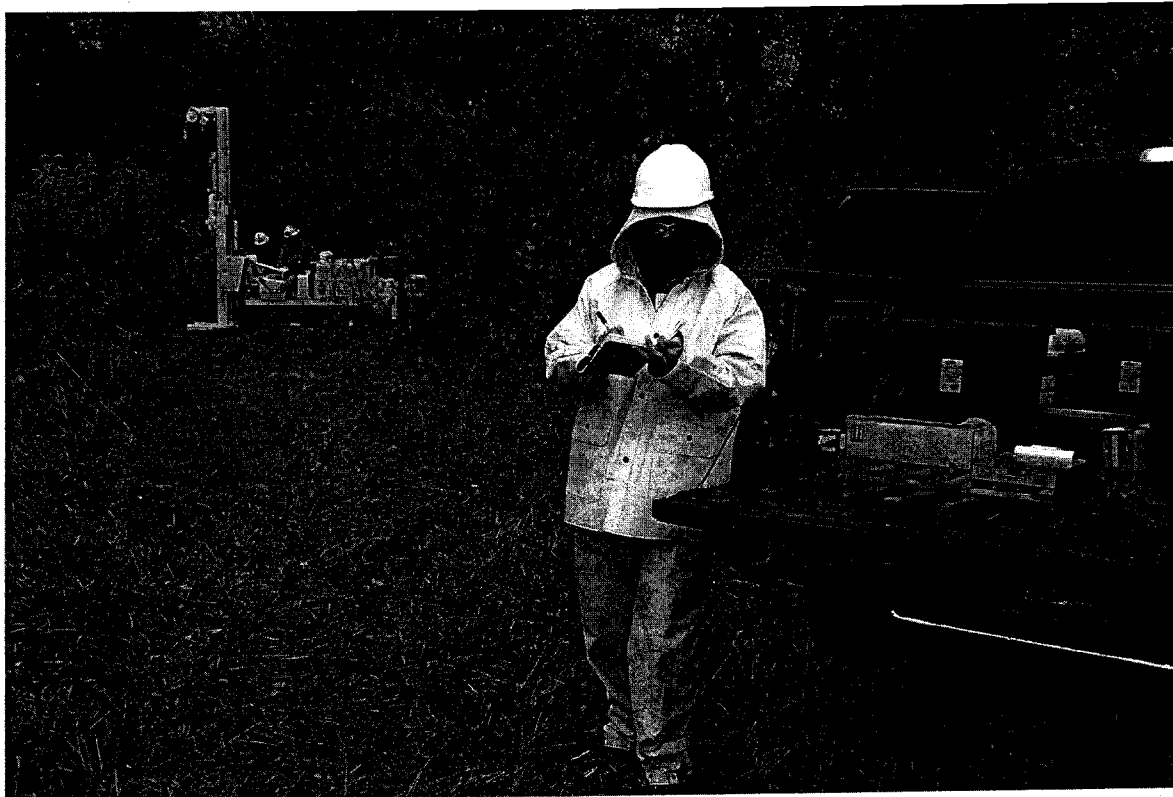
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Basewide Sampling Since June 2003

- **Drilled over 1100 Soil Borings**
- **Collected over 5200 samples**



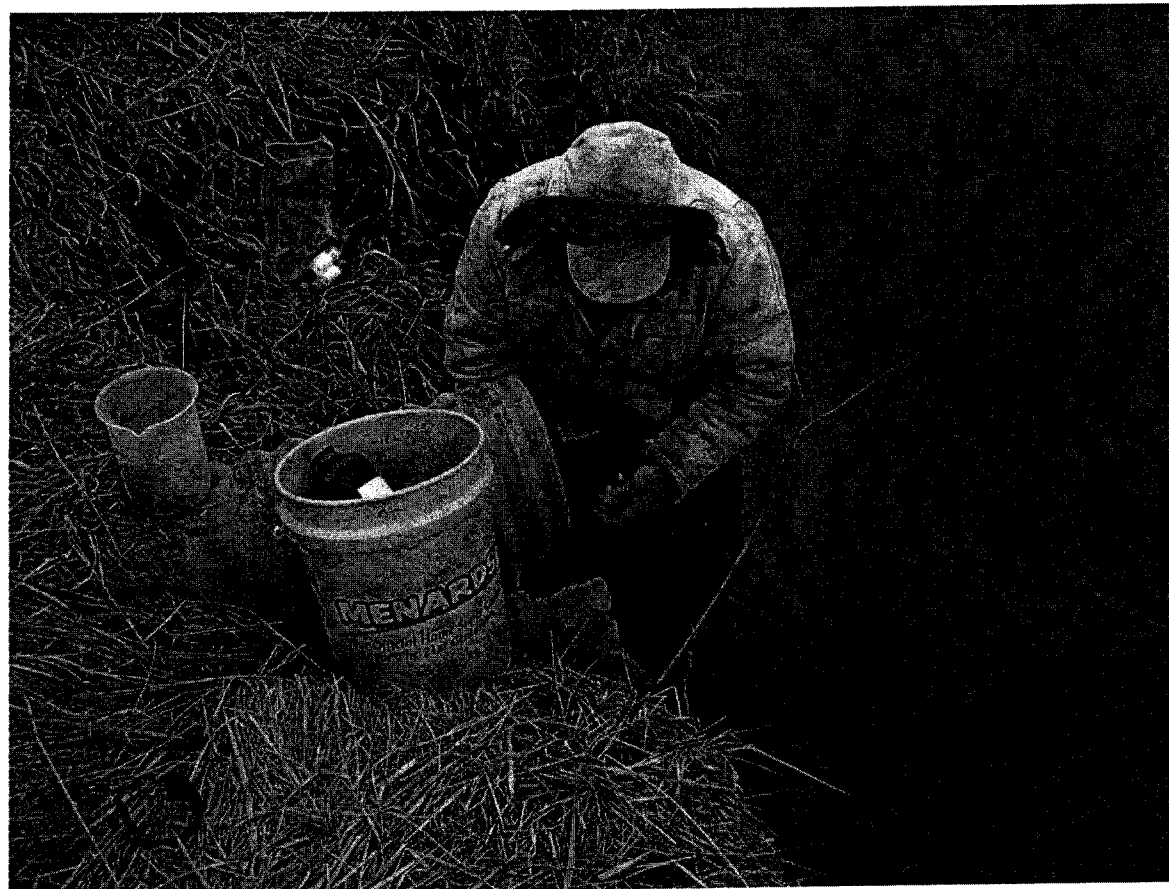
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Basewide Sampling Since June 2003

■ Sampling 80-85 percent complete



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Post Sampling Work

- **Analyze Data**
- **Select Best Option Based on Analysis**
 - **Site Closure**
 - **Quick Remedial Action and Site Closure**
 - **Further Investigation, Remedial Action, and Site Closure**



Community Involvement Update

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- **Community Relations Plan**
 - **Finalize Community Interviews**
 - **Update and Implement Plan**
- **RAB Activities**
 - **Operating Guidelines**
 - **Schedule**

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